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SUBJECT: MILITARY STATEMENTS ON EFFECTS OF DENUNCIATION OF 1952  
MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY

1. SUMMARY. JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN'S CONCERN THAT SOVIETS WOULD INFILTRATE HEMISPHERE IN WAKE OF RENUNCIATIONS OF MILITARY AID AGREEMENTS WITH US WAS FEATURED THROUGHOUT PRESS MARCH 19. BRAZILIAN CSAF HAS QUESTIONED BROWN THESIS, CLAIMING GOB IS MORE PREOCCUPIED BY CHANGED US ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRAZIL. GOB CNO ESPELLET "GUARANTEED" TO PRESS MARCH 19 THAT POLITICS DID NOT INTERFERE WITH CORDIAL USN-BRAZILIAN NAVY RELATIONSHIP. IN SPEAKING OF EFFECTS OF DENUNCIATION, BRAZILIAN NAVY ARSENAL DIRECTOR CLAIMED THERE WOULD BE "NO SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION" FOR THE BRAZILIAN NAVY. JORNAL DO BRASIL MARCH 21 CLAIMED GOB WILL RATIFY MODIFICATIONS TO TIAR, POSSIBLY AT NEXT OAS MEETING IN EFFORT TO SHOW ITS COMMITMENT TO HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE AND THAT DENUNCIATION OF 1952 ACCORD IS AN ISOLATED POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH US. END SUMMARY.

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2. BROWN'S STATEMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE SOVIET INFILTRATION IN THE HEMISPHERE TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS BROADLY FEATURED IN PRESS MARCH 19, AND PROMPTED BRAZILIAN CSAF GENERAL DELIO, UPON HIS MARCH 20 RETURN FROM HEMISPHERIC AIR CHIEFS CONFERENCE TO DENY THAT GOVERNMENTS WHICH DENOUNCED THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PACTS WITH THE US WOULD TURN TO

SOVIETS. DELIO ALSO SAID, "OUR LINE IS THE SAME AND IT IS NOT UPSETTING US; NOW, WHAT PREOCCUPIES US IS THE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TO OUR ESTEEM, ABOVE ALL BECAUSE BEFORE IT NEVER FAILED TO GIVE US ITS SUPPORT." DELIO SAID THAT AIR CHIEFS HAD NOT FORMALLY DISCUSSED POLITICAL ISSUES ALTHOUGH BILATERAL CONTACTS OF AN UNSPECIFIED NATURE HAD BEEN MADE. HE ADDED THAT THE RUPTURE OF THE ACCORD NOW FORCED BRAZIL TO LOOK AT TWO QUESTIONS WITH INTERESTS: "THE INCREASE OF SOUTH AMERICAN FRATERNITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZILIAN WAR INDUSTRY."

3. DELIO'S ASSURANCE ECHOED STATEMENT MARCH 14 BY AIR MINISTER ARARIPE WHO SAID BRAZIL WOULD NOT TURN TO "EXOTIC SOURCES" (REFTEL). SIMILARLY, FIRST ARMY COMMANDER GEN. ARAUJO RABELA IN SAME WEEK CALLED FOR "BRAZILIAN SOLUTIONS FOR BRAZILIAN PROBLEMS", EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO DEVELOP A DOMESTIC WAR INDUSTRY.

4. IN A SIMILAR VEIN MARCH 17, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAVY ARSENAL ADMIRAL SCHIEK TOLD PRESS THAT "DENUNCIATION OF THE (1952) MILITARY ACCORD WILL BRING NO SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION FOR THE NAVY." AT SAME CEREMONY WHERE SCHIEK GAVE HIS VIEWS, ADMIRAL CARNEIRO RIBEIRO CITED PROBLEM WHICH MAY IN LONG RUN BE MORE SERIOUS FOR NAVY THAN RENUNCIATION OF 1952 ACCORD. ADMIRAL CAUTIONED ABOUT CONSUMPTION OF PETROLEUM THAT OBLIGATED NAVY TO CUT BACK ON ITS NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS.

5. BRAZILIAN CNO ADMIRAL ESPELLET TOLD PRESS MARCH 18 AT CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY, "I AM ABLE TO GUARANTEE THAT POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INITIATIVES DID NOT INTERFERE IN ANY OF OUR NAVAL CONTACTS. RECENTLY I WAS INVITED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN CNO FOR A VISIT IN THAT COUNTRY IN A CLIMATE OF INTENSE CORDIALITY. THE NAVY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS; OUR POSITION IS AS ONE OF MANY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT AS TO OUR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES." ESPELLET ALSO NOTED THAT THE NAVY HAD NOT RECEIVED US CREDITS SINCE 1975, ALTHOUGH THE USG HAD OFFERED TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE. ESPELLET NOTED THE CREDITS WERE MADE THROUGH AMERICAN BANKS WHICH DO NOT GIVE CONCESSIONARY INTEREST RATES, IN FACT HE NOTED THE RATES ARE ALMOST ALWAYS HIGH. ADMIRAL SAID THE BRAZILIAN NAVY DID NOT NEED TO BORROW THIS YEAR, BUT THAT IF IT WERE NECESSARY, BRAZIL HAD A GOOD REPUTATION AS A BORROWER. MARCH 21 JORNAL DO BRAZIL CLAIMED GOB WILL RATIFY, POSSIBLY AT NEXT OAS MEETING, THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE TIAR (RIO TREATY). JORNAL ADDED THAT MEASURE WAS SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TO EMFA CHIEF, GENERAL POTYGUARA, AFTER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY WAS ABROGATED TO SHOW THAT DENUNCIATION OF THE 1952

TREATY WAS AN ISOLATED POLITICAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE US AND  
BRAZIL, AND THAT GOB WISHED TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION  
IN DEFENSE OF THE HEMISPHERE.  
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